

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:

BEFORE THE EXAMINER:

Gong *et al.*

Vickey M. Ronesi

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (37 CFR § 1.115)**

Sir:

Applicants request entry of the following amendment and remark in the above-identified application.